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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

SUBJ: CAMBODIAN SITREP

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLD [BRITISH AMBASSADOR (PROTECT SOURCE)] THAT HE HAS NO INDICATIONS FROM MOSCOW TO INDICATE THAT SOVIETS INTEND TO LEAVE. SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S WIFE HAS DEPARTED, AND OTHER EMBASSY SOURCES CONFIRM THAT EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSIONS ARE EITHER PERMITTING OR SENDING DEPENDENTS OUT. MEANWHILE, FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID HE DOUBTS HE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE HIS ANNUAL LEAVE. HE BELIEVES THAT HE WILL HAVE TO REMAIN UNTIL THE SITUATION CLARIFIES. B1,  
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2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. CAMBODIAN AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA AGREED ON MAY 19 TO RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND TO EXCHANGE PERMANENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. ON SAME DAY, ACCORDING TO AFP REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH PENN NOUTH, SIHANOUK GOVERNMENT APPOINTED ANG KIM KHOAM AS AMBASSADOR TO NORTH KOREA.

IN ADDITION TO ANNOUNCING AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT, PENN NOUTH TOLD AFP THAT 3/4 OF CAMBODIAN TERRITORY IS ALREADY LIBERATED. HE SAID THAT CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED IN ORGANIZING THE ADMINISTRATION AND THAT THE GUERRILLAS NOT ASKING SIHANOUK GOVERNMENT TO RETURN TOO QUICKLY. COMMENT: VC/NVNA DO NOT CONTROL "3/4" OF CAMBODIAN TERRITORY. ALTHOUGH PROBABLY AN OVERSIGHT, PENN NOUTH, ACCORDING TO AFP, REFERRED TO "GUERRILLAS" RATHER THAN TO LIBERATION ARMY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BOTH DIPLOMATIC AND LOCAL SOURCES REPEATING STORIES MISBEHAVIOUR ARVN TROOPS AREAS SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH. NUMEROUS REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THAT IN OPERATIONS IN PREY VENG PROVINCE TO EAST AND NORTH OF NEAK LEUNG FERRY, ARVN HAVE BEEN RAISING SVN FLAGS. LOCAL SOURCES PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT. REMAINDER OF STORIES ARE LESS SPECIFIC AS TO LOCATION BUT QUITE SPECIFIC AS TO TYPES OF ACTIONS. FONOFF SOURCE, IN REPLY TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SVN MISSION HERE, SAID THAT MISSION ONLY CONCERNED WITH REPATRIATION MATTERS.

4. LOCAL CAMBODIAN DOCTOR'S EUROPEAN WIFE HAS BEEN ACTING AS PHYSIO-THERAPIST TO QUEEN FOR NUMBER OF MONTHS. SHE TOLD EMOFF TODAY THAT

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SHE:

HAD JUST VISITED QUEEN, THAT QUEEN IN GOOD HEALTH, IN FACT BETTER THAN IN EARLY PART OF YEAR. QUEEN DOES NOT, HOWEVER, DISCUSS CURRENT EVENTS.

5. LOCAL EMPLOYEE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS HEARD REPORT THAT VC ELEMENT S: HAVE HARRASSED BRIDGE JUST SOUTH KOMPONG THOM TOWN IN KOMPONG THOM. EMBASSY HAS NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS REPORT. DATT WILL DISCUSS WITH FANK TOMORROW.

6. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. MILITARY BRIEFER MAY 20 INDICATED KOMPONG CHAM QUITE WITH CASUALTY FIGURES FOR FRIENDLY FORCES LISTED 5 MILITARY DEAD, 14 WOUNDED AND 5 ARMED STUDENTS KILLED AND 8 WOUNDED.

A. BRIEFER ALSO STATED STUNG TRENG, KRATIE TOWN IN COMMUNIST HANDS. SITUATION BETTER AT TAKEO, KAMPOT AND ANGASSOM WITH SWEEP OPERATIONS UNDERWAY.

B. BRIEFER ASKED IF RVN FORCES AT TAKEO AND KAMPOT AND ASKED ABOUT NATURE OF AIRCRAFT HEARD OVER CITY DURING EARLY HOURS MAY 20. BRIEFER REPLIED "NO COMMENT".

C. THREE NV POW'S TAKEN AT KOMPONG CHAM TO BE PRESENTED TO PRESS DURING LATE PM MAY 20. END UNCLASSIFIED.

7. SEVERAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS QUERIED BY EMBOFF MAY 20 INDICATED GENERAL DISCUSSION IN TOWN CONCERNED DEPREDATIONS ARVN TROOPS IN SVAY RIENG PROVINCE. (SEE 3 ABOVE). ON OTHER HAND DEPUTIES EXHIBITED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH JAKARTA CONFERENCE AS BEING "BEST THAT COULD BE EXPECTED."

8. BOTH MAJOR BUDDHIST SECTS REPRESENTED AT SHRINE IN FRONT OF PHNOM PENH RAILROAD STATION AT 8 AM MAY 20 FOR "PUBLIC PRAYER" PERIOD ASKING ALL CAMBODIANS TO FOLLOW BUDDHIST STRICTURES AND ASKING FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE DURING CAMBODIA'S FLIGHT. EMBOFF VIEWED SEVERAL HUNDRED SAFFRON ROBED MONKS CHANTING DURING PERIOD BUT EVENT APPARENTLY NOT WIDELY COVERED BY INTERNATIONAL PRESS AND WIRE SERVICES.

9. THE CHIEF MONK OF THE MOHANIKAY ORDER PREAH SUMETHA THIPODEI TELEVISED ADDRESS MAY 20 ON THE OCCASION OF BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY.

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NOTING BUDDHIST PRINCIPLES IN GENERAL, THE CHIEF BONZE SAID THAT THERE WERE "UNBELIEVERS" WHO BELIEVE IN NEITHER GOOD OR BAD AND WHO HAVE MALICE IN THEIR HEARTS, LACK COMPASSION AND WHO KILL WITHOUT ANY FEELING OF REMORSE, WHATSOEVER. BECOMING MORE SPECIFIC, SUMETHA THIPODET NOTED THAT CAMBODIA WAS A PEACE-LOVING COUNTRY WHICH HAS FOUND ITSELF INVOLVED NOT IN A CIVIL WAR BUT IN AN INVASION BY THE EVIL NORTH VIETNAMESE WHO DESTROY AND PILLAGE ALL THAT IS GOOD AND USEFUL. AS A RESULT "CAMBODIA... IS IN SERIOUS DANGER" AND THE 60,000 BUDDHISTS OF MOHANIKAY CALL UPON THE "GUARDIAN POWERS OF THE WORLD TO HELP CHASE THE AGGRESSORS FROM CAMBODIA." COMMENT: THOUGH THERE ARE SOME COMMENTS AFOOT IN THE CAPITAL THAT THE STATEMENT WAS STRONG AND MORE TO THE POINT THAN THE CLERGY WOULD HAVE WRITTEN THEMSELVES (THE PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED BEFORE THE SPEECH) THE GOC DOES HAVE IN EFFECT THE VISIBLE ASSISTANCE OF THE MAJOR BUDDHIST ORDER. END COMMENT.

10. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PREMIER LON NOL IN MAY 2 INTERVIEW WITH THE ITALIAN PAPER "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" PUBLISHED IN AKP, NOTED THAT THE CAMBODIAN APPEAL FOR ARMS "HAD BEEN HEARD" AND THAT "SOME COUNTRIES HAD RESPONDED TO OUR APPEAL." REPLYING TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER SPIRIT AND ENTHUSIASM WERE SUFFICIENT TO BEAT BACK THE VC/NVN, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID VC/NVN WOULD NOT FIND THEMSELVES IN CAMBODIA "LIKE FISH IN THE WATER". LON NOL OBSERVED OPTIMISTICALLY THAT THE ENEMY "CANNOT OCCUPY THE CAPITAL" AND THAT WHILE LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE STRUCK, PHNOM PENH WILL NOT BECOME ANOTHER "BUDAPEST" OR CZECHOSLOVAKIA BECAUSE THE ENEMY HAS TO COME TOO FAR. REFUTING THE INTERVIEWER'S RECITATION OF PEKING AND ANOI'S CHARGES OF HARASSMENT OF MINORITIES, LON NOL OBSERVED THAT WHILE PEKING TRIED TO UNNERVE THE CHINESE MINORITY, MOST WERE "PRO-FORMOSA". ON THE QUESTION OF DELAYING INSTALLATION OF A REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT, LON NOL SAID A REPUBLICAN FORM WILL BE ADOPTED, BUT ONLY AFTER PEACE IS RESTORED.

11. THE RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING TIMES PERSONS MAY ENTER OR LEAVE PHNOM PENH HAVE BEEN MADE SLIGHTLY MORE STRICT. PERSONS OR VEHICLES ARE NOW PREVENTED FROM ENTERING OR LEAVING THE CAPITAL FROM 1800 TO 0500 FOLLOWING MORNING. CHANGE FROM 1900 MADE BECAUSE OF EVENING RAINS AND CLOUDY SKIES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

12. DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR, HAS

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